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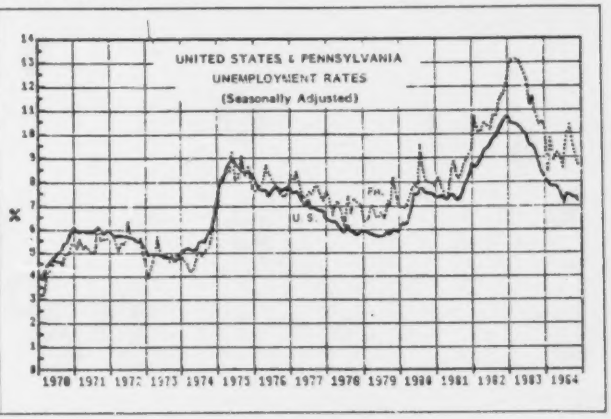
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
All Persons (In Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA *	NOV 1984	OCT 1984	NOV 1983
Civilian Labor Force(Unadj.)	5,591.0	5,558.0	5,617.0
Employment (Unadjusted)	5,136.0	5,102.0	5,066.0
Unemployment(Unadjusted)	455.0	456.0	552.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.1	8.2	9.8
Employment (Seas. Adj.)	5,026.0	4,995.0	4,969.0
Unemployment(Sea. Adj.)	477.0	491.0	585.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.7	9.0	10.5



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 31,000 WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES BY 14,000

During November, the number of Pennsylvanians employed increased for the fourth consecutive month. The seasonally adjusted employment total of 5,026,000 showed a gain of 31,000 over October and 57,000 over November 1983. These gains reflect continued improvement in Pennsylvania's employment situation.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 14,000 in November to 477,000 jobless persons, the lowest since January 1984 when unemployment was 454,000. Comparison with the November 1983 seasonally adjusted figure indicates a sharp drop in unemployment as an estimated 108,000 persons left the ranks of the unemployed. The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from October's rate of 0.3 of a percentage point to 8.7 percent. This decrease compared favorably with the November 1983 rate of 10.5 percent.

Throughout the nation, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 286,000 workers to reach an all-time high of 105,872,000. The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment in November declined by 277,000 persons, resulting in a drop of 0.2 of a percentage point in the adjusted unemployment rate to 7.2 percent.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT GAINS 9,500 NONMANUFACTURING REACHES RECORD LEVEL OF 3,564,400

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 9,500 over October, to 4,681,300, the fourth consecutive monthly increase. This employment level is the highest since December 1981 and denotes an increase of 77,400 nonfarm employes when compared with November 1983 data. Manufacturing industries lost 4,600 jobs during November, while nonmsnufacturing industry employment reached a new record level of 3,564,400. This increase of 7,000 in nonmanufacturing jobs was spurred by sizable employment gains in retail trade and government of 10,700 and 4,000 respectively. The number of persons involved in labor-management disputes increased to 10,800 in November, 7,100 more strikers than October and the highest number since August 1983 when 14,800 communications workers were on strike.

NONMANUFACTURING. Employment in the nonmanufacturing industries increased by 7,000 over October and by 9,200 since November 1983. Retail trade demonstrated the largest employment gain in this category with 10,700 new jobs since October. General merchandise stores and department stores boosted their employment rolls by 4,000 and 3,900, respectively, as the holiday shopping season picked up momentum. The local government educational sector reported an increase of 4,900 jobs over October while transportation and public utilities showed an increase of 1,300 jobs since last month. Employment decreases occurred during November in the following industry lines: contract construction, down 6,400; amusement and recreation services, down 3,300; and hotels and other lodging places, down 1,500.

MANUFACTURING. Manufacturing industrial employment decreased by 4,600 since October, registering a third consecutive monthly decline while arriving at a November total of 1,106,100. Durable goods industries accounted for 2,500 job losses, while nondurable goods industries lost 2,100 jobs in November.

Of the durable goods industries in Pennsylvania, transportation equipment led the three categories reporting gains in employment of 1,800 over October. Fabricated metal products and instruments and related products showed smaller job gains of 400 each.

In the nondurable goods industries, printing and publishing and leather products were the only two categories in which employment increased, with additions of 1,100 and 400 jobs, respectively, since October. Three other categories remained at their October employment level, while the remaining four groups had decreases.

WEEKLY EARNINGS, HOURS, AND HOURLY RATE INCREASE

Weekly earningd for production workers in manufacturing industries increased by $11.18 over October, to average $386.78 in November. Contributing to this increase were longer workweeks, from 40.0 to 40.8 hours, and an hourly rate increase of 9 cents to average $9.48. Comparable earnings data for durable goods during November were $434.70, 42.0 hours and $10.35, and for nondurable goods $323.01, 39.2 hours and $8.24.

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MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA #	ALL EMPLOYES			NET CHANGE		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES HOURS AND EARNINGS								
						GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1/ 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1/ 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1/ 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1/ 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	4,681.3	4,671.8	4,603.9	9.5	77.4									
TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,106.1	1,110.7	1,115.2	-4.6	-9.1	$386.78	$375.60	$368.75	40.8	40.0	40.3	$9.48	$9.39	$9.15
TOTAL DURABLE GOODS	638.0	640.5	637.3	-2.5	0.7	434.70	423.95	420.81	42.0	41.2	41.5	10.35	10.29	10.14
Lumber & wood products	21.7	22.0	20.8	-0.3	0.9	310.72	297.70	285.02	41.1	39.8	40.2	7.56	7.48	7.09
Furniture & fixtures	20.6	20.8	20.1	-0.2	0.5	323.19	309.68	302.12	40.5	39.5	39.7	7.98	7.84	7.61
Stone, clay & glass products	48.8	48.8	49.6	0.0	-0.8	427.98	419.34	406.16	42.5	42.4	41.7	10.07	9.89	9.74
Primary metal industries	115.0	117.2	126.4	-2.2	-11.4	486.79	463.69	483.75	40.6	38.9	41.1	11.99	11.92	11.77
Fabricated metal products	89.0	88.6	88.5	0.4	0.5	414.26	416.49	412.29	42.1	41.9	42.2	9.84	9.94	9.77
Machinery, exc. electrical	112.7	113.0	108.9	-0.3	3.8	458.98	446.05	432.73	43.3	42.2	42.3	10.60	10.57	10.23
Electric & electronic equipment	108.4	108.7	103.2	-0.3	5.2	405.00	396.45	376.89	42.1	41.6	41.1	9.62	9.53	9.17
Transportation equipment	67.0	65.2	62.7	1.8	4.3	512.03	499.05	491.30	43.1	42.4	41.6	11.88	11.77	11.81
Instruments & related products	36.6	36.2	36.3	0.4	0.3	398.47	393.34	379.89	42.3	41.8	41.7	9.42	9.41	9.11
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	18.2	20.0	20.8	-1.8	-2.6	344.21	339.95	380.14	40.4	39.9	41.5	8.52	8.52	9.16
TOTAL NONDURABLE GOODS	468.1	470.2	477.9	-2.1	-9.8	323.01	313.01	303.03	39.2	38.5	38.8	8.24	8.13	7.81
Food & kindred products	91.6	91.7	91.8	-0.1	-0.2	380.03	360.90	350.32	41.9	40.1	39.9	9.07	9.00	8.78
Tobacco manufacturers	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.0	-0.2	232.70	225.50	210.79	40.4	39.7	39.4	5.76	5.68	5.35
Textile mill products	35.0	35.6	37.2	-0.6	-2.2	241.66	236.96	240.37	37.7	37.2	39.6	6.41	6.37	6.07
Apparel & other textile products	104.3	106.8	112.7	-2.5	-8.4	197.23	198.48	191.05	34.3	34.7	34.3	5.75	5.72	5.57
Paper & allied products	40.7	41.0	41.1	-0.3	-0.4	406.35	391.00	378.86	43.6	42.5	43.2	9.32	9.20	8.77
Printing & publishing	75.5	74.4	72.8	1.1	2.7	392.24	382.18	371.78	39.5	38.8	39.3	9.93	9.85	9.46
Chemicals & allied products	58.1	58.1	57.5	0.0	0.6	482.11	468.42	446.05	43.2	42.2	42.2	11.16	11.10	10.57
Petroleum & coal products	13.6	13.7	14.0	-0.1	-0.4	564.17	558.31	560.51	43.7	44.1	44.1	12.91	12.66	12.71
Rubber & misc. plastics products	34.9	34.9	34.6	0.0	0.3	356.59	341.14	336.88	42.3	41.3	41.9	8.43	8.26	8.04
Leather & leather products	12.3	11.9	13.9	0.4	-1.6	199.66	192.39	194.51	36.5	35.3	36.7	5.47	5.45	5.30
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,564.4	3,557.4	3,485.2	7.0	79.2									
Mining	37.2	37.6	40.3	-0.4	-3.1									
Contract Construction	186.8	193.2	173.0	-6.4	13.8									
Transportation	145.7	144.6	143.2	1.1	2.5									
Public Utilities	105.4	105.2	105.2	0.2	0.2									
Communications	54.4	54.2	54.9	0.2	-0.5									
Electric, gas and sanitary service	51.0	51.0	50.3	0.0	0.7									
Wholesale trade	247.4	247.3	241.1	0.1	6.3									
Retail trade	790.1	779.4	781.7	10.7	8.4									
General merchandise stores	132.2	128.2	127.5	4.0	4.7									
Finance, insurance & real estate	254.7	253.8	243.7	0.9	11.0									
Banking	83.7	83.2	81.3	0.5	2.4									
Insurance	73.6	73.3	69.8	0.3	3.8									
Services	1,113.4	1,116.6	1,081.1	-3.2	32.3									
Business services	165.6	164.6	150.8	1.0	14.8									
Health services	373.6	373.8	370.1	-0.2	3.5									
Hospitals	218.1	218.7	223.1	-0.6	-5.0									
Educational service	144.3	143.2	138.3	1.1	6.0									
Government	683.7	679.7	675.9	4.0	7.8									
Federal	134.1	134.2	132.8	-0.1	1.3									
State & local	549.6	545.5	548.8	4.1	0.8									
Persons in labor-management disputes	10.8	3.7	3.5	7.1	7.3									

FOOTNOTES

*Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment and Resident Data are benchmarked to first quarter 1983.

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1/ The most recent month's data are preliminary and subject to revision.